



Panhandle Region

General Fishing Season for the Panhandle Region

All Waters Open All Year except as modified in Panhandle Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 7-8.

Fishing is not allowed within the posted upstream and downstream boundary of any fish weir or trap.

General Bag and Possession Limits for the Panhandle Region

The following bag and possession limits apply to all waters of the Panhandle Region except as modified in Panhandle Region Special Rule Waters on Pages 7-8.

Bass (largemouth and smallmouth)

- Bass limit is 6, both species combined

Brook Trout

- Brook trout limit is 25

Bull Trout

- Bull trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- **No bull trout harvest is allowed**

Burbot

- Burbot limit is 0, catch-and-release

Chinook Salmon (land-locked)

- Chinook salmon limit is 2, none under 20 inches

Kokanee

- Kokanee limit is 15

Sturgeon

- Fishing for or targeting sturgeon in the Kootenai River is illegal

Tiger Muskie

- Tiger Muskie limit is 2, none under 40 inches

Trout includes brown trout, cutthroat trout, golden trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, trout hybrids, Arctic grayling

- Trout limit is 6, all species combined

Does not include bull trout and brook trout which are listed separately

Whitefish

- Whitefish limit is 25

All Other Fish Species includes bullfrogs and crayfish

- No bag, size or possession limit

Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region (see Pages 7-8 for details)

Anderson Lake	Dawson Lake	Pack River and tributaries
Antelope Lake	Deep Creek and tributaries	Pend Oreille Lake
Avondale Lake	Freeman Lake	Pend Oreille River
Benewah Creek and tributaries	Gamble (Gamlin) Lake	Perkins Lake
Blue Lake (Priest River Drainage)	Gold Creek	Priest Lake and tributaries
Blue Lake (Coeur d' Alene Drainage)	Granite Creek and tributaries	Priest River and tributaries
Bonner Lake	Granite Lake	Rapid Lightning Creek and tributaries
Brush Lake	Grouse Creek and tributaries	Robinson Lake
Chase Lake	Hayden Creek and tributaries	Roman Nose Lake #3
Clark Fork River and tributaries	Hayden Lake	Round Lake (Bonner County)
Coeur d' Alene Lake	Jewel Lake	St. Joe River and tributaries
Coeur d' Alene River and tributaries	Kelso Lake	St. Maries River and tributaries
Coeur d' Alene River, Little North Fork and tributaries	Kootenai River	Shepherd Lake
Coeur d' Alene River, North Fork and tributaries	Lake Creek and tributaries	Sinclair Lake
Coeur d' Alene River, South Fork and tributaries	Lightning Creek and tributaries	Smith Lake
Coeur d' Alene Indian Reservation	Lower Glidden Lake	Spokane River
	Mirror Lake	Trestle Creek and tributaries
	Moyie River	Upper Priest Lake and tributaries

Special Rule Waters for the Panhandle Region

See Page 6 for fishing season, bag and possession limits, and rules that apply to all waters within the Panhandle Region except as listed below.

Anderson Lake (includes the channel to the Coeur d'Alene River)

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches

Antelope Lake

- Electric motors only

Avondale Lake

- Electric motors only

Benewah Creek and tributaries

- Closed to fishing

Blue Lake (Priest River drainage)

- Electric motors only

Blue Lake (Coeur d'Alene drainage; includes the channel to the Coeur d'Alene River)

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches

Bonner Lake

- Electric motors only

Brush Lake

- Electric motors only

Chase Lake

- Electric motors only
- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches

Clark Fork River and tributaries (includes Lightning Creek and tributaries)

Section: Entire river except for posted area adjacent to the Cabinet Gorge Hatchery

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- No limit on lake trout
- Kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release
- It is legal to have lake trout and rainbow trout in the field or in transit with the head removed; tails must remain attached

Coeur d'Alene Lake (includes Benewah, Chatcolet, Hidden and Round lakes, Coeur d'Alene River "Chain Lakes" and all tributaries to Coeur d'Alene Lake, except Benewah and Lake creeks)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Coeur d'Alene River and tributaries (from the mouth to the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Coeur d'Alene River, Little North Fork and tributaries

Section: From the mouth upstream to Laverne Creek

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: From and including Laverne Creek upstream

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Coeur d'Alene River, North Fork and tributaries

Section: From the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork upstream to Yellow Dog Creek

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: From and including Yellow Dog Creek upstream

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

Coeur d'Alene River, South Fork and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation - Contact the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Office

Dawson Lake

- Electric motors only

Deep Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Panhandle Region general rules apply

Freeman Lake

- Electric motors only

Gamble (Gamlin) Lake

- Electric motors only

Gold Creek (Pend Oreille Lake; includes North and West Gold creeks and tributaries)

- Closed to fishing

Granite Creek and tributaries (Pend Oreille Lake)

- Closed to fishing

Granite Lake

- Electric motors only

Grouse Creek and tributaries

Section: From the mouth upstream, except for 100 yards upstream and downstream of Grouse Creek Falls.

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: 100 yards upstream and downstream from Grouse Creek Falls

- Closed to fishing

Hayden Creek and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend - closed to fishing
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 - Panhandle Region general rules apply

Hayden Lake

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches
- Crappie limit is 6, none under 10 inches

Jewel Lake

- Electric motors only

Kelso Lake

- Electric motors only

Kootenai River

- Trout limit is 2, no rainbow or cutthroat trout under 16 inches
- Sturgeon - closed to fishing

Lake Creek and tributaries

- Closed to fishing

Lightning Creek and tributaries (see Clark Fork River)

Lower Glidden Lake

- Electric motors only

Mirror Lake

- Electric motors only

Moyie River

- Trout limit is 2

Pack River and tributaries (from the mouth at Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge upstream; also see Grouse Creek)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Pend Oreille Lake (includes Sand, Strong, Riser, Bayview, and Mirror creeks and their tributaries)

- No limit on the number of fishing rods per angler while fishing from a boat
- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches
- No limit on rainbow trout or lake trout
- Cutthroat trout limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Kokanee limit is 0, catch-and-release
- Mouths of Gold, North Gold, Granite and Trestle creeks are closed to fishing for a radius of 100 yards into the lake
- It is legal to have lake trout and rainbow trout in the field or in transit with the head removed; tails must remain attached

Pend Oreille River (from railroad bridge at Sandpoint downstream to Idaho-Washington border, including tributaries and sloughs to the edge of flat water)

- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches
- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Perkins Lake

- Electric motors only

Priest Lake and tributaries (including Thorofare)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Priest River and tributaries (from its mouth to Priest Lake)

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Rapid Lightning Creek and tributaries (see Pack River)

Robinson Lake

- Electric motors only
- Bass limit is 6, only two may be largemouth bass, no largemouth bass under 16 inches

Roman Nose Lake #3

- Electric motors only

Round Lake (Bonner County)

- Electric motors only

St. Joe River and tributaries (except St. Maries River)

Section: From Coeur d'Alene Lake upstream to and including the North Fork St. Joe River

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Section: From the North Fork St. Joe River upstream

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required

St. Maries River and tributaries

- December 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend – trout limit is 2, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through November 30 – trout limit is 2

Shepherd Lake

- Electric motors only

Sinclair Lake

- Electric motors only

Smith Lake

- Electric motors only

Spokane River

Section: From state line upstream to Post Falls Dam

- Trout limit is 2

Section: From Post Falls Dam upstream to Coeur d'Alene Lake

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout

Trestle Creek and tributaries

- Closed to fishing

Upper Priest Lake and tributaries

- Trout limit is 6, no harvest of cutthroat trout
- No bait allowed, barbless hooks required